



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Manager Jorge M. Gonzalez

DATE: December 7, 2005

SUBJECT: Existing Vacancies on the Historic Preservation and Design Review Boards

As you may be aware, the City has a number of vacancies and/or term expirations on the Design Review Board (DRB) and the Historic Preservation Board (HPB). The vacant categories of the relevant boards are indicated hereto:

Historic Preservation Board

1. A registered architect, registered landscape architect, professional designer or professional urban planner with practical experience in the rehabilitation of historic structures; or an attorney at law or a licensed engineer who has professional experience and demonstrated interest in historic preservation.

This position is currently held by Mr. Alan Hall. Mr. Hall is eligible to be re-appointed for a full two-year term.

2. A member of the faculty of a school of architecture in the state, with academic expertise in the field of design and historic preservation or the history of architecture, with a preference for an individual with practical experience in architecture and the preservation of historic structures.

This position is currently held by Mr. Jean Francois Lejeune. Mr. Lejeune is eligible to be re-appointed for a full two-year term.

Design Review Board

1. Registered Architect (2 Vacancies).

One of the vacant positions is currently held by Mr. Mike Steffens. Mr. Steffens is eligible to be re-appointed for a full two-year term.

The other vacancy was held by Mr. Greg Neville, who is term limited and cannot be re-appointed.

2. Citizen at Large (2 Vacancies).

One of the vacant positions is currently held by Mr. Alex David. Mr. David is eligible to be re-appointed for a full two-year term.

The other vacancy was previously held by Mr. Louis Martinez, who recently had to step down from the Board due to an excessive number of absences. Mr. Alfredo Andia, a resident of Normandy Isle and an Architectural Professor at Florida International University, has expressed interest in serving on the DRB in this capacity. Mr. Andia is eligible to be appointed to fill this position and may be contacting some members of the Commission regarding this position. Mr. Andia has extensive experience in the field of urban planning, site planning, architecture and urban design.

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In order to maintain quorums, the members of the boards whose terms have expired can be held over for a period not to exceed 60 days from December 31, 2005. Consequently, the need for members is very pressing for both the Historic Preservation and Design Review Boards, which will not be able to field quorums after their February meetings.

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